

Patoka Lake Nature Center

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Open Tuesday- Sunday 8:30a.m. – 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

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ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON EASTERN TIME.

*nc ~ Nature Center

*ar ~ archery range

*b ~ beach

*sh ~ shelterhouse

*br~ boat ramp

*cg~ campground

*csh ~ modern campground shelter house

Friday 5th 1p.m. Thinking Outside of the Box – Learn about one of the rare, native turtles in Indiana. Discover their habitats, cause of population decline and current conditions. **nc**

Saturday 6th 8:30a.m.- 11:30a.m. Kids' Fishing Derby

Kids 12 years and under, bring your parents out for a fun morning of fishing! Park at the Modern Campground Shelterhouse at 8:30am to register! Bring your fishing pole, sunscreen, refreshments, insect repellent, and lawn chairs. The event will start with a short walk to the Kid's Fishing Pond. Awards ceremony at 11a.m. for biggest fish, most caught, and more! Bait provided while supplies last. **csh**



Sunday 7th 9:30a.m. Kayak to the Quarry- Meet the naturalist at Little Patoka Boat Ramp for this morning tour on the waters of Patoka. You can also meet at the Patoka Office and travel by car caravan to Little Patoka Boat Ramp. The caravan will leave promptly at 8:30a.m. Bring your kayaks, paddles, PFD's, and refreshments. Enjoy the morning as we check out a beautiful rock quarry and look for area wildlife. Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5, but may also be purchased at the Patoka Office from 8a.m. – 4p.m. daily. **br**

1p.m. Walking Stick Workshop – In celebration of National Trails Day, design and decorate your one-of-a-kind walking stick to use on the trails this summer. Then hit the trail with the Naturalist for a short ¾ mile hike on Garden Rock Loop. There is a fee of \$5/walking stick and all supplies will be provided. **nc**



Thursday 11th 10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Birds of Prey: Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl in backyard shelters.

1p.m. Turtle Talk and Walk – Venture out into the backyard to learn about the Eastern Box Turtle. Take a walk with the turtle to help her get exercise and Vitamin D while you enjoy seeing her close up. **nc**

Friday 12th 12:30p.m. Tick Talk – It's that time of year when the ticks become active on around the hiking trails. Take our tick quiz to test your expertise. Then find out the best ways to prevent bites and avoid ticks! **nc**

1:30p.m. Bridge Building - A few road bridges still stand beneath the water in Patoka Lake. Learn where you can take a boat to see them and more underwater features at this program. For the children, build your very own bridge to finish the program. **nc**

Saturday 13th 11:30a.m. Turtle Time – Discover the unique varieties of turtles that call Patoka home. Find out how they live and where you might see them. Make a turtle craft to take home! **nc**

1p.m. Animal Homes and Habitats – Take a short walk with the Naturalist to discover these unique hideaways. See where animals find protection and what critters might be hiding out for you to find! **nc**

Sunday 14th 12:30a.m. Hiking the Narries- Hear stories of the past from Fred Dillard's Memoirs and John Ash's book 'Patoka Tales' while taking this short ¼ mile hike. Join us on this look back in time at maple syrup tapping, farming and ways of life. **nc**

2p.m. Moery Story – Take a walk up to the Moery Cabin to step back in time. Hear stories of a families journey to Indiana from Switzerland. Enjoy a look at some items they brought with them from their homeland. **nc**

Thursday 18th 2p.m. Snakes of Indiana – You aren't the only one who likes to sunbathe in the summer. Snakes enjoy the summer heat too! Learn about the various types of snakes found in Southern Indiana like which ones to avoid and which ones are harmless. **nc**

Friday 19th 10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Birds of Prey: Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl in backyard shelters.

12:30p.m. Talons, Beaks, and Instincts~ What unique tools do birds of prey use to survive in the wild? How do they hunt for prey? Find out this and more in the backyard at the Nature Center with two LIVE birds of prey! **nc**

1:30p.m. Pond Exploration – Join us for a dip in the backyard pond...with nets that is! Take a close look at some of the things living in the pond and what they tell us about the environment that they call home. **nc**

Saturday 20th Dog Dayz of Summer 10a.m. -2p.m. at the Nature Center

Spend the day with your canine companion! Bring your 4-legged friends and join us for a day of exciting events such as **Hike with your Hound**, **dog training sessions hosted by Master Certified dog trainer, Mike Morris**, a **Tasty Treats and Toys program** where you can learn how to make your own dog treats and toys, and a **Pet Parade/Costume Contest and Talent Show with prizes!** To beat the summer heat, let your pet romp around in the **Cool Canines Splash Park**. **Glamfur shots** pictures with your pet will be taking place between events! Also, joining us will be A.C.T. of Dubois County with some of their pets that are looking for a forever home! Enjoy a special presentation by Jeff Milner, IDNR Law Enforcement Dog Trainer. A food vendor will be available for lunch! All pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length.



Sunday 21st 11:30a.m. & 1:30p.m. Edible Endeavors – Take a short walk to discover which plants are edible or can be used in cooking. Find nature’s kitchen right in your own backyard! **nc**

2:30p.m. Turtle Talk and Walk – Venture out into the backyard to learn about the Eastern Box Turtle. Take a walk with the turtle to help her get exercise and Vitamin D while you enjoy seeing her close up. **nc**

Thursday 25th 1p.m. Butterfly Gardens – Learn about the most common butterflies in our area and how to attract them to your backyard. Plant your very own flowers to take home for butterflies to enjoy! **nc**

Friday 26th 10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Birds of Prey: Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl in backyard shelters. **12:30p.m. Talons, Beaks, and Instincts~** What unique tools do birds of prey use to survive in the wild? How do they hunt for prey? Find out this and more in the backyard at the Nature Center with two LIVE birds of prey! **nc**
2p.m. Flower Power – Hike with the naturalist to find and identify summer wildflowers and learn some of their uses. **nc**

Saturday 27th 10a.m. Dam Tower Tour - Meet the naturalist at the Patoka Lake Dam off Highway 545 or meet at the Nature Center to car caravan to the Dam for this morning tour. Walk along with Corps of Engineers staff as you tour the inside of the actual dam tower feature! Learn about how the water level is controlled daily and what was done to prevent more serious flooding downstream this spring. (Caravan will leave at 9:30a.m.) **nc**
2:30p.m. Beach Scavenger Hunt – Look for signs of life at the beach during this family fun scavenger hunt. Get your list of clues and set out to find all the items. The winning team will receive a prize! **b**

Sunday 28th 12:30p.m. Nature Stepping Stones – Make garden decorations with material found in nature while cooling off indoors as you make your creations come to life! \$2/stepping stone. **nc**
2p.m. Picture Scavenger Hunt – Come to the Nature Center to get a list of items that you need to take a picture of while hiking. Bring your photos back to the Nature Center once you’re finished to receive a prize! **nc**

Coming in July

Saturday 4th Thunder Over Patoka
10p.m. (or dark) In celebration of Independence Day join us for a special fireworks presentation at the beach.



Saturday 11th Star Party – 6p.m. – 10p.m. (or later)
Enjoy a special presentation by members of the Louisville & Evansville Astronomical Societies and the Stonebelt Stargazers of Bedford, IN as they share their knowledge of the sky above. There will be kid’s activities and giveaways until dark. Telescopes will be set up for observations as darkness falls.

